

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 24
93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Judiciary April 7, 2005 with recommendation that House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 24 Do Pass. Referred to the Committee on Rules pursuant to Rule 25(26)(f).

STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

To repeal section 488.426, RSMo, and section 488.429, as enacted by conference committee substitute for senate substitute for senate committee substitute for house committee substitute for house bill nos. 795, 972, 1128 & 1161, ninety-second general assembly, second regular session, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to limitations on the use of law library funds.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 488.426, RSMo, and section 488.429, as enacted by conference committee substitute for senate substitute for senate committee substitute for house committee substitute for house bill nos. 795, 972, 1128 & 1161, ninety-second general assembly, second regular session, are repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 488.426, to read as follows:

488.426. 1. The judges of the circuit court, en banc, in any circuit in this state may require any party filing a civil case in the circuit court, at the time of filing the suit, to deposit with the clerk of the court a surcharge in addition to all other deposits required by law or court rule. Sections 488.426 to 488.432 shall not apply to proceedings when costs are waived or are to be paid by the county or state or any city.

2. The surcharge in effect on August 28, 2001, shall remain in effect until changed by the circuit court. The circuit court in any circuit, except the circuit court in Jackson County, may change the fee to any amount not to exceed fifteen dollars. The

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

circuit court in Jackson County may change the fee to any amount not to exceed twenty dollars. A change in the fee shall become effective and remain in effect until further changed.

3. Sections 488.426 to 488.432 shall not apply to proceedings when costs are waived or are paid by the county or state or any city.

4. In addition to any fee authorized by subsection 1 of this section, any county of the first classification with more than ninety-three thousand eight hundred but less than ninety-three thousand nine hundred inhabitants may impose an additional fee of ten dollars excluding cases concerning adoption and those in small claims court. **The provisions of this subsection shall expire on December 31, 2014.**

[488.429. 1. Moneys collected pursuant to section 488.426 shall be payable to the judges of the circuit court, en banc, of the county from which such surcharges were collected, or to such person as is designated by local circuit court rule as treasurer of said fund, and said fund shall be applied and expended under the direction and order of the judges of the circuit court, en banc, of any such county for the maintenance and upkeep of the law library maintained by the bar association in any such county, or such other law library in any such county as may be designated by the judges of the circuit court, en banc, of any such county; provided, that the judges of the circuit court, en banc, of any such county, and the officers of all courts of record of any such county, shall be entitled at all reasonable times to use the library to the support of which said funds are applied.

2. In any county of the first classification without a charter form of government and with a population of at least two hundred thousand, such fund may also be applied and expended for that county's or circuit's family services and justice fund.

3. In any county, other than a county participating in the nonpartisan court plan, such fund may also be applied and expended for courtroom renovation and technology enhancement, or for debt service on county bonds for such renovation or enhancement projects.

4. This section shall expire on December 31, 2014.]

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